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**REMARKS**

Claim 1 has been cancelled, and no new claims have been added. Claims 2-3 and 7-16 are pending. All but claim 1 have been allowed.

***Disclaimers Relating to Claim Interpretation and Prosecution History Estoppel***

Any reference herein to "the invention" is intended to refer to the specific claim or claims being addressed herein. The claims of this Application are intended to stand on their own and are not to be read in light of the prosecution history of any related or unrelated patent or patent application. Furthermore, no arguments in any prosecution history relate to any claim in this Application, except for arguments specifically directed to the claim.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

The Examiner rejected claim 1 under 35 USC § 103 as obvious from "the admitted prior art", Nakamura ("Recent Cements"; Concrete Products, Industry and Products, no. 53, p. 42-53) and Kushida et al. (USP 4,774,045). Claim 1 has been cancelled.

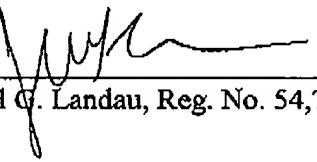
***Conclusion***

In view of all of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested and allowance at an early date is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney to answer any questions or to discuss steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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